GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO BSF
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force is required to be equipped with sophisticated weapons in the border areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government are formulating any action plan for the B.S.F. in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have appointed any agency to coordinate between the B.S.F. and the Army in the border areas; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): The need to equip Central Para Military Forces including the Border Security force with modern sophisticated weapon and equipment, is a continuous requirement. During the last few years Government have given special attention to upgrading the striking capability of the BSF through induction of modern and sophisticated weaponry and equipment.Further, in order to provide a time perspective to Government`s effort and to cope with the challenge of increased militant and terrorist activities, all CPMFs, including BSF have formulated five year perspective plans. This covers weaponry, communication, transport, border surveillance training etc.

(d) & (e): B.S.F. Bns. deployed on Line of control in J&K are directly under operational control of the Army.In other areas, there is constant liaison/co-ordination directly between BSF and Army Commanders for proper operational planning.